

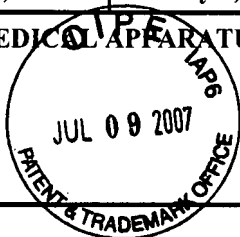
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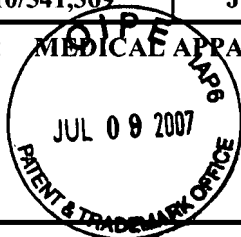
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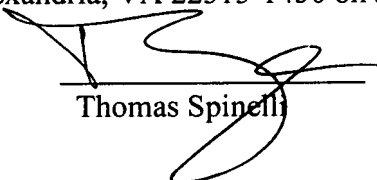
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,102,414, issued to Kirsch, dated April 7, 1992;
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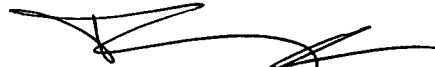

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3. U.S. Patent No. 5,989,230, issued to Frassica, dated November 23, 1999.

The references were cited in an Office Action dated May 29, 2007 received from the Australian Patent Office. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references required by 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii). The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Office Action.

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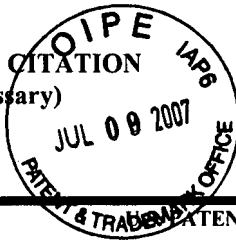


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		5,102,414	4/7/1992	Kirsch			
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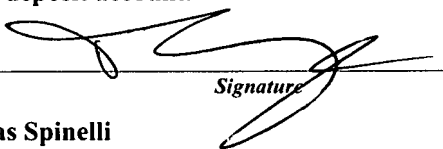
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